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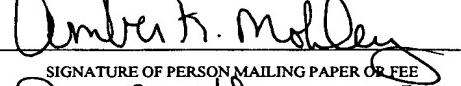
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

This paper responds to the Official Action mailed 5 April 2005. Claims 1 – 33 are pending in the Application, but Claims 12 – 31 are withdrawn from consideration. The Office rejects Claims 1 – 11 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Korpman (U.S. Patent 4,318,408). The Office rejects Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Korpman as applied to Claims 1 – 11 and 32.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33 and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the

amendment and remarks contained in this paper. Applicant also respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1 – 6, 8 – 11, 32 and 33 at an early date.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.